

Executive Update

Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker's Weekly Newsletter

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Message from County Executive Walker

An interesting story – <http://www.jsonline.com/story/index.aspx?id=779619> - ran this week about the failure of the state to reduce its workforce at the level predicted by the Governor in 2002. This provides an interesting contrast with Milwaukee County. Since 2002, the county has reduced the workforce by more than 20% - largely through attrition.

This is a point we made to the bond rating agencies earlier this year. In 2002, we inherited a government headed towards financial failure and the bond rating agencies then attached a negative outlook to the county's bond rating. This year, the same agencies gave the county a positive outlook. They understand that reducing our workforce helps reduce our legacy costs.

Plus, we carefully acted to decrease our level of bonding and put in place a lid on our capital budget. We also achieved a positive budget surplus. All of these items lead to the improvement in our bond rating status.

Conversely, the bond rating for the state fell since 2002 and they face one of the largest GAAP deficits in the country. They have yet to aggressively reduce their workforce and their legacy costs. Plus, their level of debt continues to rise.

Our aggressive actions to control costs and liabilities at the county may be a road map for the state to consider as they seek to get their financial house in order.

Scott



All-time record month at General Mitchell International Airport

General Mitchell International Airport (GMIA) set an all-time one-month record for the number of passengers using the airport for June 2008. The month's total of 789,513 passengers broke the previous record high of 745,893 passengers set in March 2008. GMIA also set records for the number of passengers traveling in the first half of 2008, increasing 9.47 percent compared to the same period in 2007. GMIA is ranked in the top 10 percent of U.S. cities in number of destinations served nonstop. According to statistics from the U.S.

Department of Transportation, the average airfares at GMIA are lower than the airfares of 46 other U.S. airports. The effects of rising fuel costs is expected to result in fewer nonstop flights nationwide as early as September.

Swearing in of Cabinet



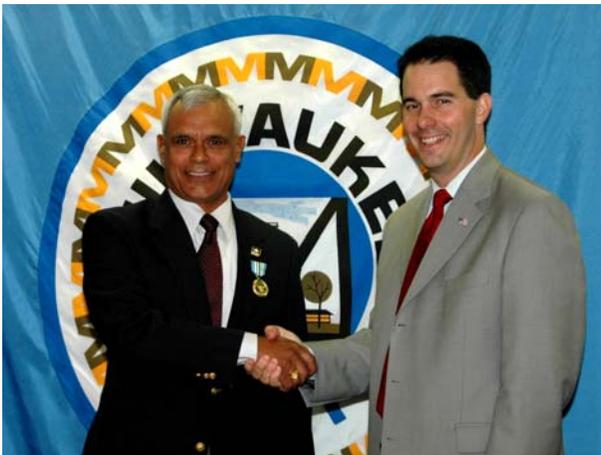
Judge Marshall Murray swore in the members of the Walker administration cabinet on Thursday. Among those sworn in were Corey Hoze, Chuck Wikenhauser, George Torres, Cynthia Archer, Stephanie Sue Stein, Lisa Jo Marks, Sue Black, Karen Jackson, and Ron Malone.

IT Collaboration



County Executive Walker signed a resolution at Cudahy City Hall approving an intergovernmental agreement to provide Informational Technology (IT) Services. Joining the County Executive at the resolution signing were Mayor Ryan McCue, and IMSD staff (standing L-R) - Dennis John, Steve Mokrohisky, Mike McAdams, and Deborah Stanford.

Director of VSO receives military honor



County Executive Walker pinned Army War Veteran, Domingo Leguizamon, with the Joint Service Commendation Medal. Domingo Leguizamon served on active duty for Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. He serves as Director of the Milwaukee County Veterans Service Office.

Medical Examiner Welcomed



County Executive Walker welcomed Dr. Christopher Happy as he began his position as the new Milwaukee County Medical Examiner. Dr. Happy holds a Doctor of Medicine degree from St. Louis University School of Medicine and completed residencies in Anatomic Pathology from the University of Massachusetts Medical Center and the University of New Mexico. He was a Forensic Pathology Fellow and a Forensic Cardiac and Neuropathology Fellow in the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner of the City of New York.

Community Events

County Executive Walker thanked sponsors of this year's Operation Freedom for military families at an appreciation event held at the Milwaukee County Zoo. Walker also delivered welcome remarks at the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment Access to Recovery 2008 Grantee Conference and will attend the opening ceremonies of Arab World Fest this week. This weekend, County Executive Walker will participate in The Greendale 70th Anniversary parade and celebration.